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(c), (d) & (e) The Government have not heard of the case. The Board of Revenue has been asked to report whether the case disclosed any defects in procedure of a general character, and if so, what remedy has been or is proposed to be applied.

Resurvey of the South Kanara district.

*1746 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) to what extent the resurvey of South Kanara district has been affected; and

(b) whether it is being extended beyond the areas of the old Kasaragod taluk now included in the Mangalore taluk?

A.—(a) In the Kasaragod taluk 762 square miles are to be resurveyed and up to 31st December 1927, 406 square miles had been resurveyed. In Mangalore taluk the resurvey of the villages of the old Kasaragod taluk (74 square miles) has been completed. In the Puttur taluk 159 square miles are to be resurveyed and up to 31st December 1927, 62 square miles had been resurveyed. These areas in these three taluks comprised the old Kasaragod taluk.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1667 given on 2nd March 1928.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Local Boards and Municipal Councils

Representation of the depressed classes in local boards.

1747 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(a) to lay on the table a list of the representatives of the depressed classes (non-Christians) in the various local boards, municipal councils, village panchayats, and union boards; and

(b) to state the steps taken to secure an equitable and proportionate distribution of such members in all local bodies?

A.—(a) Lists[a] of representatives of the depressed classes appointed by the Government to district boards and municipal councils and now in office are laid on the table.

The information is not available in respect of taluk boards, union boards and village panchayats.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to section 7 (3) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, and section 9 (5) of the Madras Local Boards Act. The Government have issued instructions impressing on presidents of district and taluk boards that, whenever a suitable nominee is available, a member of the depressed classes should be nominated to taluk and union boards unless the community has already secured adequate representation through election.

Members of village panchayats are all elected.

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 161-163 infra.